

Virginia's Status Report

- Superintendent's Informational Memo No. 166, published December 6, 2002 noted the first steps on the issue of disproportionate representation.
- Collaboration with National Centers for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems (NCCRESt) has continued through ongoing training, technical assistance, and information exchange/update with other states and regional resource centers.
- All school division superintendents have received local disproportionality data for the 2004-05 and 2003-04 school years.
- All school division special education directors have received local disproportionality data for the 2004-05 and 2003-04 school years.
- Regional meetings were held in March 2005 that offered expert speakers in the areas of disproportionality and instruction as well as technical assistance and strategies to address intervention and program planning.
- On October 28, 2004, the Board of Education approved the development of the Leadership in Cultural Diversity Education Award. I was recommended by the Board's 2003-04 Student Advisory Committee that the award be developed to recognize schools and school divisions that promote an understanding of cultural diversity throughout the school.
- During the 2005-06 school year there will be follow-up with local school divisions regarding the development and implementation of Action Plans to address individual disproportionality issues.